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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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TAGS: PORG, PFOR, UNSC, UN, VM

SUBJECT: QUESTION OF ADMISSION OF VIETNAM TO UNITED NATIONS

REFS: USUN 2193 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: VIETNAM'S AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED THAT SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) RECONSIDER DURING JULY QUESTION OF VIETNAM'S ADMISSION TO UNITED NATIONS. SECRETARIAT HAS RECOMMENDED TO UNSC PRESIDENCY (CHINA) THAT PRESIDENCY SCHEDULE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FOR MORNING WEDNESDAY JULY 13 TO CONSIDER TIMING OF FORMAL DEBATE. FORMAL DEBATE MIGHT THUS BEGIN THIS WEEK OR AS LATE AS WEEK OF JULY 25. END SUMMARY.

2. VIETNAM'S PERMANENT OBSERVER TO UN AMBASSADOR DINK BA
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THI RETURNED TO NEW YORK DURING WEEKEND AND ON JULY 11 ADDRESSED LETTER TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL ASKING THAT UNSC RECONSIDER DURING JULY QUESTION OF VIETNAM'S ADMISSION TO UN. TIMING OF UNSC'S FORMAL RECONSIDERATION UNCERTAIN. UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL GLEISSNER HAS RECOMMENDED TO UNSC PRESIDENCY (CHINA) THAT PRESIDENCY SCHEDULE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FOR MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 13. CONSULTA-

TING COULD TAKE UP TIMING OF FORMAL DEBATE. IN DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH US MISOFF, GLEISSNER NOTED THAT A AVAILABILITY OF PERM REPS OF CERTAIN IMPORTANT COUNTRIES MIGHT INFLUENCE TIMING. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND FROM SOVIET SENIOR COUNSELOR KUDASHEV (IN CHARGE OF ASIAN MATTERS AT SOVIET MISSION) THAT AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY IS DELAYING START OF SUMMER HOME LEAVE IN ORDER TO BE IN NEW YORK FOR FORMAL UNSC MEETING. KUDASHEV MENTIONED TO US MISOFF THAT UNSC'S FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION MIGHT BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 20. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL JELSTRUP, CHINESE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE PRESSING FOR VERY EARLY DEBATE AND CHINESE HAVE OBSERVED THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE TIME TO PREPARE FOR DEBATE. GLEISSNER, ON OTHER HAND, REPORTED VIETNAMESE PRESSING SECRETARIAT FOR EARLIEST PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENT CIRCULATION DINH BA THI LETTER.

3. ANOTHER MATTER OF CONCERN TO SECRETARIAT IS LIKELIHOOD THAT NON-UN MEMBER VIETNAM WILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE. WHILE ARTICLE 32 OF UN CHARTER PROVIDES THAT NON-UN MEMBER WHICH IS PARTY TO DISPUTE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY UNSC SHALL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, WITHOUT VOTE, IN DISCUSSION RELATING TO DISPUTE, THERE IS NO FORMAL PROVISION FOR PARTICIPATION BY NON-UN MEMBER IN UNSC DISCUSSION NOT INVOLVING A DISPUTE. THERE IS, HOWEVER, PRECEDENT OF ANGOLA WHICH PARTICIPATED IN UNSC DISCUSSION AFTER FAVOR-CONFIDENTIAL

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ABLE UNSC VOTE TO FORWARD ITS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. GLEISSNER CONSIDERS IN THIS CONNECTION THAT, IF UNSC MEMBERS DO NOT OBJECT TO A NON-UN MEMBER'S PARTICIPATION IN A DEBATE NOT INVOLVING A DISPUTE, ARTICLE 32 DOES NOT PRECLUDE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION. STRICT CONSTRUCTIONISTS IN SECRETARIAT (E.G. JELSTRUP) HAVE DIFFERENT VIEW, HOWEVER, AND REPORTEDLY REMAIN CONCERNED OVER ANGOLAN PRECEDENTS

4. DINH BA THI'S LETTER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND CIRCULATED TO UNSC MEMBERS ON EVENING OF JULY 11 IN PROVISIONAL DOCUMENT S/12361, 11 JULY 1977. IT WILL BE GENERALLY CIRCULATED AS NONPROVISIONAL DOCUMENT ON 12 JULY. TEXT OF PROVISIONAL DOCUMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ON 11 JULY 1977 RECEIVED THE ATTACHED LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1977 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE

UNITED NATIONS.

ANNEX

LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1977 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR
TO REQUEST YOU TO REFER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THE QUESTION OF THE ADMISSION OF THE SOCIALIST RE-
PUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED
NATIONS, SO THAT THE COUNCIL MAY RECONSIDER THE QUESTION
DURING JULY 1977, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 31/21
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OF 26 NOVEMBER 1976 RECOMMENDING THAT "THE SECURITY
COUNCIL SHOULD RECONSIDER THE MATTER FAVOURABLY IN STRICT
CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS".

(SIGNED) DINH BA THI
PERMANENT OBSERVER OFM
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIET NAM
TO THE UNITED NATIONS UNQUOTE MCHENRY

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